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ICC BSU returns to Melting Pot



These are the people from Itawamba Community College who participated in a mission trip to Chicago. The women, from left, are Angie Chrestman, Tupelo; Robin Turner, Fulton; Linda Laney, Tupelo; Shonne Henry, Mooreville; the men, from left, are Tad Wimer, Fulton; Jerry Vandiver, Corinth; Dennis Park, Tupelo; Tommy Cox, Tremont; Steve Clark, Caledonia; and Wayne Vandiver, BSU director.

One of the June '87 issues of *The Baptist Record* carried in it a story entitled "ICC BSU Goes to Melting Pot." The story told about eight students, the BSU director, and his brother going to Uptown Baptist Church, Chicago, on the last of the three missions trips the Itawamba BSU would take that school year.

Well, 14 months later, eight students, the Itawamba Community College BSU director, and his brother returned to Chicago for another mission trip to Uptown Baptist Church. The difference this time was that these were eight different students and this was the first of three mission trips the ICC BSU will take this year. The group left July 30 and returned August 6.

Uptown is a lower income neighborhood about one mile north of downtown Chicago. Two hundred thousand people live in the one-by-two mile rectangle called Uptown. The people are diverse in so many ways: color, nationality, language, income, morality, and spiritual hunger.

One of the things that anyone who went to Chicago will always remember is the number of "street people" that "live" in the area. There was never a night that the church

steps didn't have four or five people sleeping on them. The students made friends with some of these folks and had the opportunity to share the gospel with them. One of the men had taken a magic marker and drawn little designs all over his clothes and shoes. However, he was one of the nicest people the group met during the week.

Uptown Baptist Church has five or six language congregations that share the church building. The Korean congregation meets every morning at 5 to worship and pray. James Queen, SBC home missionary, is pastor. The church has associate pastors who serve through the Mission Service Corps. Danny Hester is church administrator. The church is doing more than its share to feed and clothe the poor. They reach out to halfway houses in the area.

While at Uptown, the BSUers' major work project was to paint the fellowship hall of the church. They also did some cleanup, repair, and mortar work. Part of the group spent a lot of time up on the roof chipping out and replacing the loose mortar between the bricks.

The ministries the group was able

to share in were the Monday night meal for the street people, the commodity food giveaway for the elderly, Sunday School, child care, and Vacation Bible School. Some of the group members acted as servers, some as kitchen helpers, and others as greeters during the Monday night meal. The greeters were able to share with the people about Jesus.

The main responsibility of the group was to lead a VBS for former institutionalized mental patients, now living in halfway houses. The group had what might be called a "practical demonstration"

A "bad" clown demonstrated what a person is like who does not have the fruits of the Spirit. She did such things as talking while someone else was walking around at will, and hitting people in the face with pies. The "good" clown, on the other hand, was nice to people, helpful during craft time, and patient with the bad clown. He was the perfect example of a person who has the character of Christ in his life.

The idea was repeated by almost everyone during a share time was: "We sure are blessed in Mississippi!"

Thailand: 'trying to break the shell'

By Michael Chute

Thailand is a world unto itself, an often elusive place with a profound dislike for extremes. The paradox is that it's a land of immense extremes.

Thailand is not only free. The very name means the "land of the free."

It's not just unique. It's the most exotic land in Asia. It's not just friendly. It's the "land of smiles." It's not just prosperous. It's the "rice bowl of Asia."

It's not just culturally diverse. It's the melting pot at the crossroads of Southeast Asia. It's not just Buddhist. It's the most Buddhist country in the world.

And if that's not enough, the Thais aren't just unresponsive to the gospel. Thailand is by far the least-responsive mission field in Southeast Asia.

For Southern Baptists, Thailand reflects the challenge of missions today. Missionaries are trying to "break the shell" that encases the Thai people. It's as durable as the lacquer used on their finest artwork.

It's a shell that says a loyal Thai citizen can't be a Christian because a loyal Thai is a Buddhist. It says Christianity is a foreign, Western religion with no significance for Thailand. It says there is no God, no heaven, and that sin is only five things: stealing,

lying, adultery, killing and intoxication. It's a shell that says becoming a Christian means selling out family, friends and country. Relationships — so important to the Thai — are cut off.

This is the shell Southern Baptists' 87 missionaries in Thailand are trying desperately to crack. After 40 years of work, they have little to show for it. The bottom line is that there are only 2,300 Baptists in just 32 churches. In a country with 60 million people, only about one-tenth of 1 percent of the population is Christian.

But it's not from lack of trying. There has been enough hard work done to win whole countries. But success often must be measured dif-

ferently in Asia, especially in Thailand. The Eastern mind thinks in terms of months and years, not in hours and days as does the Western mind.

Yet, missionaries report that positive breakthroughs are occurring throughout much of Thailand. Many young people are giving up the old religion, a "hodge-podge" of Buddhism, animism, Hinduism and superstition. They say it doesn't work for them.

If this younger generation has a religion, it's materialism. But missionaries see a developing interest in Christianity. Many Thais now come to missionaries, asking questions and giving responses. That never used to happen.

"One of the things the Thais are most impressed with is our Book, the Word directly from God right there in black and white," says veteran missionary Bob Stewart.

Another thing that impresses the Thais is the Christian lifestyle. Buddhism teaches that every person is an island. No one can help another. There is little sense of community, and morals are lacking in many Thai homes.

As Kuhn Suprachai remembers before he became a Christian: "I look-

ed at their lives (the Christians) and I looked at my life. I saw there was something they had in their lives that I wanted in my life." He's now the administrator of the Baptist Hospital in Bangkok.

The missions story in Thailand does have some bright spots like Suprachai. Others have names like Achran Boonkrong, Kuhn Thongchai,

Achran Pracha and Kuhn Wichai. Yet, there's not a missionary here who wouldn't write the same story for the other millions of Thais, if they could.

Until the day comes when they can, they're trying to turn disadvantages into advantages. They look for creative, effective ways to tell the gospel story in this land. And they try to break that shell.



THAI GREETING — Bob Spear, Southern Baptist church planter in Thailand, says goodbye to Tin, a Bible society worker who invited Spear to preach and lead a Bible study for a group he works with in the village of Thung Sakhorn. The Thai people use the "wai," a bow with their hands folded before their faces, to say hello or goodbye. Bob and his wife Jeannie work in a province of 300,000 people with only 200 Christians. (FMB) PHOTO By Don Rutledge

BECAUSE WE HAVE
BEEN GIVEN MUCH



Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

The right to know

Action that the Baptist Record cautioned against two weeks ago took place last week.

Members of the William Carey College Board of Trustees loyal to President Ralph Noonkester took advantage of the fact that they could gather a majority of the decimated board and voted 7 to 4 to overturn the action of a few weeks ago that would have terminated Noonkester's contract on June 30, 1989.

There are now only 12 members of the board that normally has 15 members. It will be back to full strength following the Mississippi Baptist Convention. A few weeks ago, with only 10 members present, the board voted 5 to 4 to terminate the contract. One of those five who voted for the termination has since resigned. There had been two vacancies created earlier.

The make up of the board will change drastically following the convention. Not only will three more members be added, but some of the present members will rotate off of the board and be replaced.

So William Carey's woes continue. A compromise that would have worked out the details in a satisfactory manner had been accepted by both sides but was cast aside by the majority before the meeting began.

So where do we go from here? The compromise would have allowed both sides to come together in agreement. As it is, however, the board is still split over the issue; and the conflict may not be over. If trustees loyal to Noonkester remain in the majority, then they may remain in control for the time being. If the other side gains the majority, what will happen then?

The tragedy continues. Robert's Rules of Order indicates that last week's action could be out of order; but, if the action could be construed to be in order, then it would be possible to reverse the action again following the convention.

This kind of situation is exactly what William Carey does not need.

It bears repeating that the trustee faction that now is in the minority did not terminate Noonkester's contract summarily. He asked for the vote, and

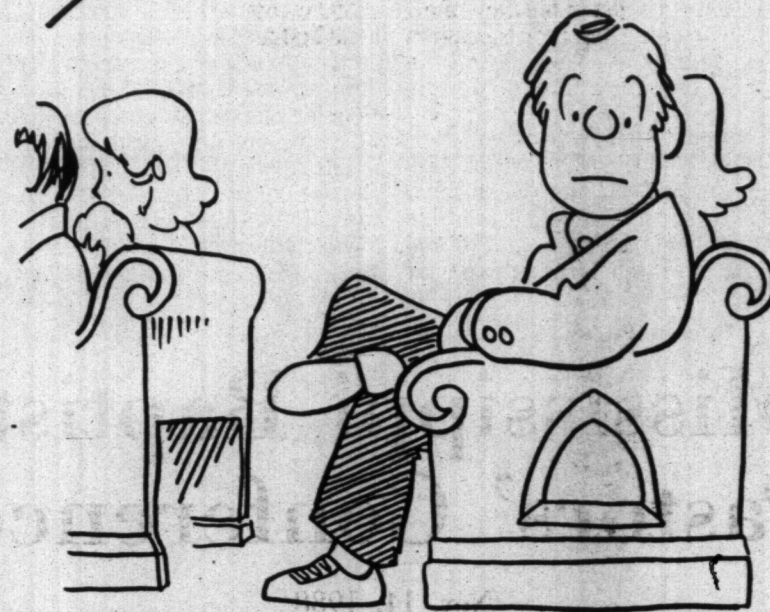
that is the way it turned out.

The word, "contract," continues to be used in the discussion; but evidently there is no contract. The minutes of the board meetings evidently refer to a contract, but there is not such a document. Robert's rules point out that under order carried out in accordance with those rules it is forbidden to rescind a contract if the other party has been informed of the vote.

In effect, the Carey situation is where it was before Noonkester asked for the vote on his "contract." The trustees' action of last week rescinded the previous action and expunged it from the minutes. It's as if it never happened.

To the credit of the Carey board of trustees, the Baptist Record has been allowed in parts of the board meetings. This is new. As far as memory can stretch, there is no recollection of the Baptist Record's being allowed in the board meeting of any Mississippi Baptist institution before. Yet those institutions belong to Mississippi Baptists and not to the trustees. Mississippi Baptists have a

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right to know what is taking place with their institutions, and the Baptist Record has a responsibility to tell them if it can know.

Shortly after this editor assumed

the office, he asked for the privilege of attending the institutions' board meetings. The answer was "no."

Only William Carey finally made a positive response.

Guest opinion . . .

A miracle in the church family

By Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker Jr.

It was on Sunday, June 26, when our pastor told his Baptist congregation he had been healed.

The church had gone through prayers they had never before had to pray. Earlier in the month, they had learned their pastor, Mitchell Smith, had a growth inside his upper thigh. He didn't appear to be very concerned, but his wife, Dianne, kept insisting that he see a doctor. She knew he had five brothers and sisters who were affected by cancer already.

Brother Smith consented to a doctor. He actually saw two local doctors. They both believed he had nothing to be too concerned about, and suggested he wait until the fall to have it removed, unless there was a change in his condition.

Not being satisfied with a not-too-concerned report from the doctors, Dianne made an appointment with a skin specialist in a nearby town, Laurel. A biopsy was advised and the next day, Smith entered the local hospital. After a discussion, he decided to go ahead and have the growth removed. The word was grave. We learned he had a rare cancer and would probably have to go out of state for treatment.

You should have heard the children in Vacation Bible School praying, "God bless Bro. Mitchell, make him well," they all prayed. The church family had been in prayer for his recovery since we first learned of his trouble. We all prayed as we had never prayed before. We also prayed for Dianne.

The following Sunday, Bro. Smith told us he was willing for the Lord's will to be used in his life, no matter

what. He said the Lord knew what he had and he wanted to do his will.

The specialists were looking at the results of his operation as far away as Houston, Texas. When he visited his local doctor for the results of the specialist's findings, they gave him glorious news. They had found no sign of cancer. He would not have to go out of state for treatment, and maybe not even have treatments at all. A miracle had been performed.

For precautionary reasons, he was asked to go to Meridian, where he might have to have treatments. The following week, he and Dianne made this trip. They were treated as though they had no reason to be there. However, they did ask him to come

back the next week for a CAT scan. This, too, showed no sign of cancer.

The church family rejoiced with him the following Sunday. Through all of this, he never missed a Sunday preaching. We all know the healing hand of God reached down and answered our prayers.

Mrs. N. L. Shoemaker, Jr. lives near Waynesboro.

Editor's Note: A postscript to the above is that Mitchell Smith, who had been bi-vocational pastor of Clara Church in Wayne Association, has been called as full-time pastor effective Jan. 1. The church recently went above the 100 mark in Sunday School for the first time in its history.

Baptist Beliefs . . .

The Holy Spirit and regeneration

By Herschel H. Hobbs

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:6).

These words Jesus spoke to Nicodemus. In keeping with current Jewish belief, Nicodemus thought that by being born a Jew he was automatically in the kingdom of God. Jesus sought to show him that, like all other people — Jew and Gentile alike (Acts 15:11) — entrance into the kingdom required a spiritual birth.

"Born of the flesh" is the natural birth. "Born of the Spirit" is the

spiritual birth. Thus Jesus said, "Ye must be born again" (v. 7). The word rendered "again" may also read "from above." This is effected by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Through the natural birth we enter into a human family with human relationships. Through the spiritual birth we enter God's family with spiritual relationships. The latter is through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Not only does he convict of sin, he also enables one to repent and believe in Jesus. Repentance and faith are in-

separable graces. If you truly repent you will believe in Jesus as Savior. Repentance is more than regret. The Greek word means a change of mind; to the Greeks, "mind" denoted the whole person. It involves an about face of one's entire life: heart, soul, mind, will — a new nature.

This is wrought by the Holy Spirit. I like to think of the Holy Spirit as the attending physician as souls are born into the kingdom of God.

Herschel Hobbs is pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City.

and became president when the former president, Davis Odom, resigned his church and left the state.

Berry has noted that he was left with a lot to do in less time than he should have had to do it, but he has put together a program. The reason for the Pastors' Conference is to give pastors an opportunity to hear someone else preach. That opportunity is Monday.

It is a strong program featuring some of the best known preachers in the United States and in Mississippi.

The music and the messages will be dynamic.

The Pastors' Conference can succeed only with the support of Mississippi's pastors.

"Open Windows" available on tape

NASHVILLE — Open Windows, the Southern Baptist adult daily devotional guide, is now available on audiocassette tape.

The Christian Leisure Listening tapes which were first offered in October 1985 provide a digest of selected stories for Mature Living, Home Life, Christian Single and event magazines.

Cassette tapes of adult Sunday School lessons in three curriculum lines — Life and Work, Convention Uniform, and Bible Book — and youth Bible Book Series lessons were introduced in October 1987.

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Education tops state convention agenda

The Mississippi Baptist Convention will meet Nov. 14-16 at First Baptist Church in Jackson for its annual business session.

At the top of the list of business matters likely to come before messengers from up to 2,000 churches will be a discussion of Clarke College and its fate.

Mississippi College President Lewis Nobles has told the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Education Commission that his trustees will ask the convention for additional budget to operate Clarke, a two-year

institution in Newton.

MC operates with a surplus but keeps separate books on Clarke which operates at a loss.

MC wants a total of \$200,000 added to its budget for Clarke operation. The convention board is recommending only an additional \$55,095 as a line item for Clarke. MC received that line item amount for Clarke last year.

The upshot is that if MC does not receive the extra money, it will return the college to the convention.

What this means is that on Tuesday time (10:35 a.m.) the floor will be open

By Tim Nicholas

for full discussion of the future of Clarke, which has operated at a loss for 19 of the past 20 years.

Miscellaneous business comes up following adoption of the budget. That is when the likelihood of alternate suggestions for operation of Clarke would be highest.

Complicating any discussion of extra funding for Clarke, which has 111 full time equivalent students, is the fact that William Carey College, with 1,300 FTEs, has a budget deficit of \$1.2 million at this time.

And at some point in the pro-

ceedings, Carey is expected to ask, through the convention board report if it approves the action, permission to incur additional indebtedness through refinancing of two Hattiesburg campus buildings.

The 1989 Cooperative Program budget recommended by the convention board totals \$19,871,693, a 5.06 percent increase over the 1988 budget of \$18,915,000. The Cooperative Program budget helps fund the missions, education, and leadership training activities of Mississippi Baptists. Of that amount, 37.5 percent will go to

Southern Baptist causes outside the state.

Other business will include election of officers. President Jim Futral, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, is eligible for a second one year term. Futral's presidential address will take place Tuesday morning following the business session.

Other speakers include Bobby Perry, Earl Kelly, D.L. Lowrie, Davis Saunders, Jim Henry, and Landrum Leavell. Perry, director of missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association,

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Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference

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MONDAY MORNING

9:30 Pre-Conference Music	Debby Case & Ruth Keyes
9:45 Welcome	Gary Berry
Prayer	Bobby Williamson
9:50 Congregational Singing	Mike Harland, Leader
9:55 Music	Jay & Martha Richardson
10:05 Message	Rex Yancey
10:35 Congregational Singing	
10:40 Music	Jay & Martha Richardson
10:50 Message	Ed Hamilton
11:20 Offering	
11:25 Music	Mike Harland
11:30 Message	H. Edwin Young
12:05 Benediction	David Hamilton

MONDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Pre-Conference Music	Debby Case & Ruth Keyes
1:45 Congregational Singing	Mike Harland, Leader
Prayer	Ralph Stovall
1:55 Greetings	Jim Futral
2:00 Music	Teresa Harland
2:05 Message	Randy Davis
2:30 Congregational Singing	
2:35 Pastors On Mission	Don Dent
2:40 Music	Mike & Teresa Harland
	Doug Pacas, Piano
	John Brock
2:55 Message	
3:25 Offering	
3:30 Election of Officers	
3:40 Music	Teresa Harland
3:45 Message	Glenn Weekley
4:15 Benediction	Phil Walker

Program personalities: John Brock, pastor, Ackerman Church; Mrs. Debby Case, pianist, Colonial Heights, Jackson; Randy Davis, pastor, First, Van Cleave; Don Dent, missionary, Singapore; Jim Futral, pastor, Broadmoor, Jackson and president, Mississippi Baptist Convention;

David Hamilton, pastor, First, Verona; Ed Hamilton, pastor, Oak Forest, Jackson; Mike Harland, minister of music, First, McComb; Mrs. Teresa Harland, minister's wife, First, McComb;

Mrs. Ruth Keyes, organist, Colonial Heights, Jackson; Doug Pacas, pianist, Istrouma Church, Baton Rouge, La; Jay & Martha Richardson, students, New Orleans Seminary; Ralph Stovall, pastor, Twin Lakes, Walls;

Phil Walker, pastor, First, Summit; Glenn Weekley, pastor, First Church, Hendersonville, Tenn.; Bobby Williamson, pastor, Park Place, Brandon; Rex Yancey, pastor, First, Quitman; Edwin H. Young, pastor, Second, Houston, Tex.

MC will play nationally televised football game

CLINTON — Playing in a nationally televised football game with a potential audience of more than 8 million persons would be the ultimate for any NCAA Division II player. A number of Mississippi athletes will have that opportunity Saturday, Nov. 12, when the Mississippi College Choc-taws will close their regular season by hosting arch-rival Delta State University in a 5 p.m. kickoff at Robinson-Hale Stadium.

MC and Delta State will square off

in the finale which will be televised nationwide via the American Christian Television Service (ACTS) network. Mississippi College had three nationally televised games on ACTS last season, but this will be the first time on the tube for both schools this year.

The game will also be Royal Ambassador Day on campus and hundreds of RAs from across the state will be on campus for a special program and to attend the game.

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Noonkester retirement cancelled

Carey board reverses action; remains divided

By Tim Nicholas

Trustees of William Carey College voted 7-4 last Thursday to rescind an earlier action to retire Carey President J. Ralph Noonkester at the end of the current school year when he reaches his 65th birthday.

The action took place at a special board meeting called by trustees Joe Dale, John Thomas, and Lewis Fowler.

The proposal, presented by Dale, was: "That the motion, resolution, and action passed on September 29, 1988, that the contract of Dr. Ralph Noonkester as President of William

Carey College not be renewed after age 65 be, and the same is hereby rescinded and ordered expunged from the minutes of this Board."

A similarly worded motion was presented concerning a presidential search committee. The two motions

were taken together and passed following discussion.

The discussion included a ruling by Chairman Billy McKay that contract decisions cannot be changed after notification of the parties involved.

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At press time the Baptist Record learned that President Noonkester had in hand new cash gifts of \$150,000 with commitments of another \$350,000 to be given by the end of the year. Said Noonkester, "These are outright, undesignated gifts." So, said Noonkester, the Carey request for refinancing of the two campus buildings will not be made to the convention board.

Education Commission votes division of funds to colleges

By Tim Nicholas

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission meeting at Blue Mountain College, Oct. 27-29, voted division of Cooperative Program funds to Mississippi Baptist colleges for 1989. That amount totals \$3,942,244, an amount which includes \$600,000 for capital needs and \$33,422 for commission operations.

Commission members also heard a report from the Board of Ministerial Education which noted that ministerial aid is being distributed this year for the first time ever to a group which includes female students.

The Education Commission's division of funds strictly follows a formula adopted by the commission which considers number of full time equivalent students (total hours of course work of all students divided by 12), numbers of ministerial and graduate students, and a division of 30 percent of the total for administration.

That 30 percent is divided at 31 percent each to William Carey College, Blue Mountain College, and Mississippi College, and seven percent to Clarke. That formula pulls three percent of that administration money from Clarke each year, with a four percent drop planned in 1991. At that point the three remaining colleges will receive one third each of the administration money.

Operations funds will be allocated for 1989 at \$474,310 for Blue Mountain; \$159,864 for Clarke; \$1,735,635 for MC; and \$939,013 for Carey. Capital funds will be distributed at \$80,600 for BMC; \$317,750 for MC; and \$201,650 for Carey.

Allocations of operations funds for the four entities per full time equivalent students will be \$1,783 at BMC; \$1,440 at Clarke; \$616 at MC; and \$723 at Carey.

With Clarke College a division of Mississippi College, the Education

Commission continues to adhere to the defunding formula for Clarke. This year, for the second time, the Mississippi Baptist Convention will consider a line item adding \$55,095 to Clarke's budget. MC continues to show separate books for Clarke, noting a \$38,160 deficit for this past fiscal year.

Trustees at MC have made it known they will ask for an additional line item amount of \$145,000 for Clarke. Failing that, they will tell the MBC that they believe "that it will be impossible for Mississippi College to operate Clarke College on the present financial basis," and that "without this kind of funding (on a permanent basis), it would not be feasible to continue the operation of Clarke College."

The commission voted in August not to include or endorse the increased line item asked by MC, but passed it on to the MBC budget committee,

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Carey board reverses action; remains divided

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Dale protested, noting Noonkester actually does not have a signed contract. Dale's appeal of the chair's ruling was approved 7-4.

During discussion trustee David Spencer asked Dale about the status of a proposal which he said would have brought the trustees together. Dale said he thought that his not proposing a third action would take care of the other proposal.

Dale's third motion, not presented to trustees was "That the term and contract of Dr. Ralph Noonkester as president of William Carey College be, and the same is hereby extended until the first day of June, 1990, and he is hereby designated and employed in such capacity until such date of June 1, 1990, with the same salary and benefits he is now receiving, and with the same responsibilities, authority, rights and privileges he now possesses by reason of such position."

The proposal to which Spencer was referring was one worked out prior to the Thursday meeting by Spencer; Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer of the MBCB; and Jim Futral, MBC president.

Essence of the proposal was:

"1. The Board will unify, in an attempt to solve both the short-term and long-term financial problems.

"2. The President's contract will be extended until December 31, 1989, at which time he will retire. This will give him an opportunity to work toward solutions of financial and administrative problems and give him an opportunity to bring his administration to a graceful conclusion.

"3. A suitable retirement celebration for the President will be planned and executed by the Board with proper recognition given to Dr. Noonkester's achievements.

"4. Dr. Noonkester will be named 'President Emeritus' of the College.

"5. No Search Committee will be formed and activated until April 1989.

"6. Dr. Noonkester will announce this plan to the press if he so desires."

According to Spencer and Kelly, the proposal had been agreed to by Noonkester, Dale, Thomas, and the four remaining trustees who had voted not to renew Noonkester's contract: Spencer, Dennis Johnsey, Wiley Abel, and Dwight Smith.

Just before the trustee meeting, Noonkester had a private meeting with Dale and Thomas. Spencer said that he tried to hand Noonkester a copy of the proposal following that

meeting and before the trustee meeting, but Noonkester did not want to see it.

In discussion, trustee Elizabeth Cooper said "I'm going to be a nuisance until I get to vote" on the renewal of Noonkester's contract. She called "shabby" the earlier non-renewal action which took place during a trustee meeting she did not attend.

Thomas made a plea for a united board to support Noonkester. Trustee Elise Curtis asked the meeting to stop for special prayer which they did. And Trustee Dwight Smith predicted a "stormy time" if the earlier action were reversed.

Those voting to reverse the vote to retire Noonkester were Dale, Thomas, Cooper, Curtis, Lewis Fowler, Andy Carpenter, and Bob Sigrest. Spencer, Johnsey, Abel, and Smith voted not to reverse. Chairman McKay did not vote.

Dale asked the board for a vote for unanimity. Smith said he could not make the vote unanimous, so the motion was quashed.

The second order of business was for the board to approve the borrowing of not more than \$1 million to pay off two buildings. Dale asked if the school would be helping itself from the cash flow standpoint. Riley said the help was short term. Dale asked that if the college were paying three percent financing currently, how much would they be paying for refinancing. Joe Riley, college business manager told him the new note, being negotiated through former Hattiesburg Mayor Bobby Chain, would be around 11 percent.

Noonkester had told the Education Commission he would ask for about \$805,000 which would provide \$415,000 after the balance owed of \$390,000 on the two buildings was paid off. Andy Carpenter, a banker, figuring roughly, said the increased indebtedness would call for an additional \$5,000 per month of payments for the college.

Johnsey asked if the school had borrowed \$100,000 in September to make payroll. Noonkester said that was interim financing, done in a number of institutions. Johnsey asked Riley if the school had enough money to make the next payroll. Riley said they had borrowed \$200,000 since September.

Dale asked if the school could make payroll in November. "We've got to look at it hard, but we've got some funds coming in," said Riley. Johnsey asked if the school does not borrow this new money would Riley say the

school could not meet its financial obligations. "You could say that," said Riley.

Noonkester said the college is paying about \$125,000 per year for interest on interim financing. Refinancing of the two buildings, said Noonkester, "would bring completely current all of the accounts payable" and the rest would go to the Bank of Mississippi. "This would be saving some very, very good sum in the interest cost because we pay one percent above prime."

Dale said the college has to raise lots of money and get its costs in line. "Maybe we'll have to sell some things, but the main thing is to get costs in line," he said.

The motion to refinance passed 7-4. That motion must be brought to the convention board and then to the convention for passage.

McKay, in a closing statement to the board (he and Sigrest rotate off after the convention next week), said the trustees had met to try to determine custody of William Carey College. "It a custody situation (the intent) is to determine what is best for the child. This group has made this decision and the child remains in the custody of Dr. Noonkester. I know he loves this school and will give it his every energy."

Noonkester read a statement which he had prepared before the meeting and handed to this reporter. He said this was the only statement he would be making to the press.

Noonkester's statement was: "I have invested the thirty-six years of my professional life in the service of William Carey College. Today I reaffirm that commitment by announcing my intention to continue to work with the Board of Trustees beyond my 65th birthday in meeting the challenges and in solving any problems which the college is encountering in order to achieve excellence in Christian Higher Education."

Noonkester gave McKay a press release prepared before the meeting which indicated the trustees had voted unanimously to rescind the earlier retirement action. McKay pointed out the action was not unanimous and Noonkester had the release rewritten.

After the meeting, Noonkester met with the secular press. The trustees had voted 6-4 not to support a motion by Dale to exclude the Baptist Record representative from the meeting. Noonkester told the press that he was no longer "a lame duck" and that he would begin to raise money for the college on Monday morning.

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will deliver the convention sermon. Kelly, executive director-treasurer of the MBCB, will deliver the missions report. Lowrie, executive director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will present the Bible Treasure messages, a series of short devotionals given during each of the five convention sessions.

Saunders, a staffer with the Foreign Mission Board; Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; and Leavell, president of the New Orleans Seminary, will all preach sermons during the convention.

Music leaders for the convention

range from church choirs to gospel quartets. They include the Mississippi Singing Churchmen, offering the pre-session and special music for opening night of the convention, Nov. 14; the Broadmoor Church choir, directed by J.M. Wood, minister of music there; pre-service and special music by the Gulf Coast Associational choir, led by Zeno Wells, minister of music at First Church, Gulfport; pre-service music by the Son Light Quartet of First Church, Laurel, led by Billy Vaughn, minister of music there; solos by Martha Bacon of First Church, Clinton, and Gary Anglin of First Church, Pascagoula; and pre-service and special music by Fair-

view Church, Columbus, choir, directed by Slater Murphy, minister of music there.

Congregational praise during the convention will be led by Wood and by Graham Smith, director of the MBCB Church Music Department and by Rick Munn, minister of music at First Church, Grenada.

Theme of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be "To Him Who is Able" taken from the Book of Jude, verse 24.

The order of business committee consists of Tommy Vinson, chairman; Hal Buchanan; Dennis Johnsey; Ron Burch; Gary Berry; and Becky Payne

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY GRADUATES

Bailey, Kenneth	1980	Bolivia
Bailey, Ruth Holder	1980	Bolivia
*Ballard, Ronald Henry	1962	Paraguay
Boudreaux, Charles	1970	Guyana
Boudreaux, Netta Richardson	1970	Guyana
Brown, Elsie Word	1963	Israel
Cooper, James Virgil	1963	Korea
Cooper, Amy Lee Gunter	1963	Korea
Davis, Gerald Carson	1963	Philippines
Davis, Glenda Brooks	1963	Philippines
*Davis, William Earl	1966	Bolivia
*Davis, Judy Smith	1966	Bolivia
Ditsworth, Mary Alice	1950	Indonesia
Emmons, Dorothy Elizabeth	1953	Tanzania
Fairburn, Margaret Laurine	1955	Liberia
Gilbert, James Pascal	1947	Panama
Gilbert, Dorothy Jean Smith	1947	Panama
Golmer, Robert Truett	1960	Taiwan
Hale, Signard Dennis	1959	Spain
*Hamrick, Betty Jean Spiers	1949	Indonesia
*Hamrick, Howard	1949	Indonesia
Harbin, Dora Byron (Mrs. Lonnie)	1954	Brazil
Hendricks, Larry	1966	Costa Rica
Hilyer, Thomas Edward	1974	Spain
Jackson, Shirley Louise	1944	Brazil
**Jacobs, Dr. John I.	1949	Trinidad
**Jacobs, Jean	1949	Trinidad
Johnson, Sharon Blackwell (Mrs. Vincent)	1970	Brazil
Johnston, Juanita	1948	Taiwan
Lay, W. Frank	1963	Costa Rica
Lee, Brenda Anne Haggard (Mrs. Paul Douglas, Jr.)	1962	Costa Rica
*Marshall, Jesse Ralph, Jr.	1948	Thailand
*Marshall, Betty Lou Jackson	1948	Thailand
***Mayhall, Janet	1973	Columbia
*McPhail, Jasper Lewis	1950	India
Merritt, John Wesley	1950	West Germany
*Moore, Elton (deceased)	1943	Indonesia
*Moore, Jean Cooper	1943	Indonesia
Panter, Danny Michael	1971	Togo, West Africa
Panter, Elizabeth Wallace	1971	Togo, West Africa
*Perkins, Ira Samuel	1954	Brazil
*Perkins, Betty Jean	1953	Brazil
*Pirkle, Patricia Ard (Mrs. Donald)	1964	Gaza/Israel
Raley, Frances Bibb	1947	Taiwan
Redmon, Donald Hugh	1956	Costa Rica
Redmon, Jo Nell Eubanks	1956	Costa Rica
*Schooler, John Earl	1948	S. W. Africa
*Schooler, Clara Lucille Hucaby	1948	S. W. Africa
Simms, Donald McVay	1952	Mexico
*Simon, Carol Martin (Mrs. Jerry)	1962	Taiwan
Smothers, Charles Edward	1962	Paraguay
Smothers, Dicie Eulene Wells	1962	Paraguay
Taylor, Johnny	1970	Brazil
Taylor, Laurie Kirkland	1970	Brazil
Thurman, Thomas Edward	1953	Bangladesh
Williams, Ruby Louise Williamson (Mrs. Robert Dee)	1947	Niger Republic
*Yarbrough, Teddy Evette	1962	Guatemala
*Yarbrough, Glenda Frances Mixon	1962	Guatemala
Dunaway, L. Phillip	Faculty-1982	Brazil
Dunaway, Laura Lindley	Faculty-1982	Brazil
Boykin, Janie	1975	Journeyman
Carroll, Mike	1973	Journeyman
Jones, Dennis	1976	Journeyman
Mayhall, Janet	1973	Journeyman
Philpot, Will	1972	Journeyman
Shows, Glenn	1970	Journeyman

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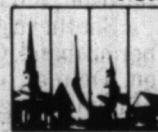
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Education Commission votes division of funds to colleges

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which also did not add to the line item of \$55,095.

During a discussion of this matter at the commission meeting, it was brought to light that if the line item addition is defeated, likely, a motion would be brought to the floor of the convention that the commission revert to its old formula which gave Clarke an equal share of administration money. According to Earl Kelly, executive director of the MBCB, the difference between the original formula and what was approved by the Education Commission last week would be \$180,000.

Kelly said that the convention board-approved line item addition to Clarke would give the Newton campus \$1,936 per full time equivalent student. If an additional \$145,000 were placed in MC's hands for Clarke, the cost per FTE would rise to \$3,286.

Currently, there are 111 FTEs at Clarke; 2,816 at MC; 1,300 at Carey; and 318 at Blue Mountain.

In effect, if MC does not receive substantially increased funding for Clarke College, trustees will hand the school back to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Should that happen, the convention could do any number of things. It could close the school at the end of this school year. It could give the program and committed funds to an independent group. It could elect a new set of trustees.

Among reports from the college presidents, Harold Fisher of Blue Mountain noted the school is making a self study for its teacher education program, in a fifth-year report con-

cerning reaffirmation of accreditation, and will be giving an honorary doctor of divinity degree to alumnus Jim Futral, current MBC president.

Ralph Noonkester of Carey noted that he was hiring John Minter Associates of Boulder, Colo., to make an independent financial analysis of the financial status of Carey and make a comprehensive financial management plan and that he intends to refinance two Hattiesburg campus buildings to obtain approximately \$415,000 to lessen the general fund deficit. According to convention bylaws, such an action, it was said by Kelly at the meeting, would likely require convention action.

Lewis Nobles of MC reported that MC received national recognition in the latest edition of "Best Buys in College Education" published by the New York Times. Nobles included a report from Clarke's dean, James Read which said that criteria for membership in the Southern Association of Colleges, the school's accrediting institution, there must be a "stable financial base." Barring a reversion to the old Education Commission funding formula which would include Clarke, the junior college would likely go on accreditation probation. "After one year on public probation, if nothing has been done to eliminate this problem, Clarke College will be removed from membership in the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, which will have the effect of closing Clarke College," said Read.

Outgoing Board of Ministerial Education President Hardy Denham Jr., reported that total of 121 students

in Mississippi Baptist colleges are receiving ministerial aid monthly based on need. A total of 32 Clarke students are receiving aid; 35 at Blue Mountain; 33 at MC; and 21 at Carey.

Information received by the board indicate that there are 253 students planning on entering church related vocations on the Baptist campuses. This intent is identified by the students having made public commitment in a Southern Baptist church to a church related ministerial vocation.

Of the 121 students receiving aid, 99 are male and 22 are female. None of the female students, according to Denham, are planning on preaching ministries.

Among the categories for CRV are preaching, religious education, church music, youth/activities, and other which includes those specifying recreation, counseling, missionary, and undecided. As of fall 1988, the total planning on entering the preaching ministry in Mississippi Baptist colleges is 105. For fall of 1987 the total was 157, a drop of 52.

Total CRV students according to campus and with public commitment noted, is 47 at Clarke; 60 at BMC; 67 at MC; and 50 at Carey. That totals 224, less than the 253 total since some of those did not report a public commitment. An additional 17 non-SBC CRV students are enrolled.

Bill Stewart was reelected chairman; Eddie Smith was reelected vice chairman; and Jack Bennett was reelected secretary.

The commission's next meeting will be Nov. 14 in Jackson.

Constitution and bylaws committee will recommend changes to convention

1. Changes recommended to the Convention in 1987 and to be voted on again in 1988:

In "THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTION" replace the word "secretary" with the word "director" when it appears in:

- Article I, Section 2 (second paragraph, Section 4)
- Article III, in title and text of Section 1
- Article IV, Section 1
- Article XIII, Section 5
- Article XV
- Article XIX, Section 1 and Section 3
- Article XX, Section 1

In "THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTION," Article I, Section 2, change from "Every Association shall be represented" to: "Every association including each ethnic association shall be represented."

2. Changes to be recommended to the Convention in 1988 and 1989:

In "THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION AND ACTION"

- Article V, delete "Mississippi Biracial Baptist Commission"
- Article XIII, Section 1, delete "Mississippi Biracial Baptist Commission"
- Article XIX, Section 2, (3), delete "Mississippi Biracial Baptist Commission"
- Article XXII, delete the entire Article, and renumber, changing Article XXIII, Amendments to: Article XXII, Amendments

In the "BYLAWS" VII, Committee on Committees: ... recommend changing to:

VII. Committee on Committees

Section 1. The Committee on Committees shall nominate before the last day of the Convention the following standing committees: Committee on Order of Business, The Baptist Record Advisory Committee, the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The Committee on Order of Business, The Baptist Record Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall serve for a three-year term, being ineligible for reelection until at least one year shall have elapsed. Two shall be rotated off each year and two elected. These committees shall elect their own chairman annually.

Section 3. The Committee on Nominations shall have five members. Their terms of service shall begin at the adjournment of the annual Convention in which they are elected, and they shall serve through the next annual meeting of the Convention.

Section 4. The Committee on Committees shall also nominate at the first session of the Convention a Committee on Resolutions and a Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher. The Committee on Committees shall also nominate other committees as the Convention may direct.

Section 5. Vacancies on any committee occurring between annual meetings on the Convention may be filled temporarily by the Convention Board or the Executive Committee of the Board, and those thus designated shall serve until the next annual meeting of the Convention at which time the

Missionary's father dies

Retired Baptist minister Ellis D. Richardson, 71, died Monday after a bout with cancer.

The Noxapater resident was a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He retired from New Zion Church, at Ackerman, but served a number of interims since then in Winston and Neshoba Counties.

Earlier pastorates include Mars Hills, Summit; Eastview, Meridian; Nesbit; Red Banks near Holly Springs; Mathiston; Bellefontaine; and students pastorates at Eden, at Roseland and New Zion in Louisiana.

Richardson is survived by his wife, Bertha Ruth Richardson; a daughter, Nita Boudreaux, a Southern Baptist missionary with her husband, Charlie, to Guyana; a son, Delmar, of Noxapater; sisters Bonnie Hughes of Preston and Ruth Rogers of Scooba; a brother, Elvin Richardson, of Varnado, La.; and two grandchildren.

Committee on Committees shall nominate and the Convention shall elect a member to complete any unexpired part of a term.

Then make the following transfer in Roman numerals IX. and XI. immediately following Section 5 above:

Transfer the heading and the paragraph under each heading. Make The Baptist Record Advisory Committee IX. Make Committee on Nominations XI.

They now show: IX. Committee on Nominations XI. The Baptist Record Advisory Committee

Members of Committee: John W. Flowers, Chm., Senatobia; Ed W. Holmes, Gulfport; Clyde Little, Bay Springs; Donnie L. Stewart, Holly Springs; James Spencer, Picayune; Earl Kelly, ex officio, Jackson; Jim Futral, ex officio, Jackson.

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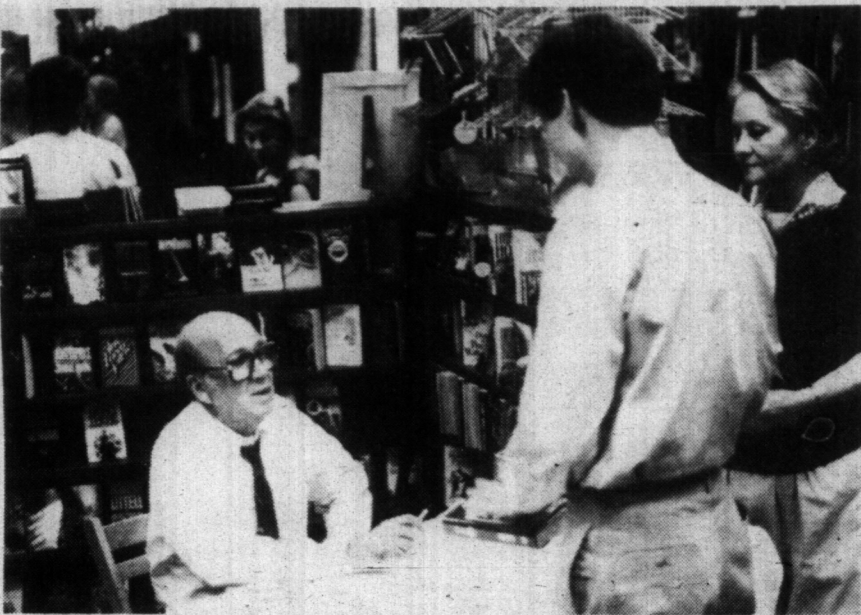
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Will Campbell, seated, native Mississippian and author, takes a break from autographing copies of his latest book at the Bookworm bookstore in Jackson. The book is titled "The Convention, a parable," and deals with his concept of what might have happened to the convention by the year 1992. Campbell now lives in Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Resolutions will be presented next week

These resolutions, and others, will be presented at the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Bivocational ministers

WHEREAS ministers serving bivocationally in church work and secular employment have for many years been recognized as a legitimate form of ministry;

WHEREAS bivocational ministers are not part-time ministers, but rather dual-role ministers who have a full church ministry and a marketplace ministry;

WHEREAS more than 500 Mississippi Baptist churches are served by bivocational pastors;

WHEREAS the call to minister of bivocational ministers is just as legitimate as the call of any minister;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Mississippi Baptist Convention meeting in annual session November 14-16, 1988, go on record as affirming the role of the bivocational minister as one used of God in the work of his kingdom;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this conven-

tion encourage Mississippi Baptists to provide encouragement and enhancement to bivocational ministers as we work to carry out Bold Mission Thrust;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this convention encourage ministry students to be alert to the need to choose and nurture a second vocation as an enabler for ministry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mississippi Baptist churches be encouraged to consider strengthening their programs, ministry, and outreach through the use of bivocational staff persons;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the church sponsors of new congregations be encouraged to utilize Bivocational ministers to initiate new work.

Submitted by: Kenneth D. Cook; pastor, Line Creek Church, Scott Association; First Vice President, National Council on Bivocational Ministries.

Hiring of teachers

Be it resolved that we, the members of Fellowship Baptist Church, (Mississippi Association) wish to go on record opposing the hiring of teachers for our Baptist schools who do not have

a faith of Baptist doctrines and beliefs.

Submitted by members of Fellowship Church, R. F. Moore, pastor.

Priesthood of believers

The following resolution was passed unanimously by the Mississippi Baptist Association in October and is being presented as a resolution by Bob Rogers, pastor, Calvary Church, Gloster:

"WHEREAS, Baptists have historically stood for the freedom of each man and woman to relate to God as his or her conscience dictates, without the interference of government or organized religion; and

"WHEREAS, this Baptist belief is expressed in the doctrines of religious liberty, believer's baptism, and the priesthood of the believer; and

"WHEREAS, there has recently been confusion among Baptists over the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer;

"Be it therefore RESOLVED, that the Mississippi Baptist Association in its One Hundred Eighty-Second Annual Session meeting at East Fork and Mt. Vernon churches, October 20-21, 1988, affirm its belief in the doctrine of the priesthood of the believer; and

"Be it further RESOLVED, that we believe in the priesthood of all believers; that Christ is our great High Priest and through him every born-again person has direct access into God's presence without need of a human priest; that the believer has the right and responsibility to personally study and interpret the Scriptures, guided by the Holy Spirit, and

"Be it further RESOLVED, that while we believe

in the leadership of the local pastor, and we believe that the miracles recorded in Scripture actually happened, we also believe that God speaks to those in the pew as well as to those in the pulpit, and we will defend the right of every man and woman to obey his or her own conscience."

Alumni of Biblical Studies Center to meet

The annual meeting of the Mississippi Alumni Chapter of the Southern Baptist Center for Biblical Studies will be held on Monday evening, November 14, 1988. The meeting will begin at 9:00 p.m. at the Admiral Benbow Inn, Hangar II Banquet Room, Jackson, Mississippi. All alumni students and friends of the Center are urged to attend. For more information, contact Ralph Culp, Corinth, MS, chapter President.

Committee on Committees will present names

The Committee on Committees will present these names to the Convention.

Committee on Nominations: Dean Register, chm., Gulfport; Larry Taylor, Jackson; Sue Tatum, Yazoo City; Charles Bagwell, Southaven; W. P. (Bill) Smith III, Tupelo.

Order of Business Committee: Larry Young, Pontotoc; Tom Sumrall, New Albany.

Baptist Record Advisory Committee: Raymond Martin Jr., Jackson; Billy Thames, Wesson; Ferrell O. Cork, Jr., Jackson.

Constitution and ByLaws Committee: Bill Baker, chm., Clinton; Jerry Bishop, Union; Hardy Denham, Long Beach; Lebron Matthews, Mt. Olive; Sinclair May, Hernando; Gordon Sansing, Vicksburg.

Resolution Committee: (acts at 1988 convention): Ken Anderson, chm., Saltillo; Heywood Washburn, Tupelo; James Spencer, Picayune; Jerry Massey, Amory; Maurice Flowers, Laurel; Janet Murray, Jackson; Barbara Hamilton, West Point.

Time, Place and Preacher Committee: (acts at 1988 convention): Wayne Riley, chm., Meridian; James E. Smith, Hollandale; Billy W. Baker, Ripley; Ralph Simmons, Laurel; Hal Bates, Ecu.

These recommendations are from the 1988 Committee on Committees: Rex Yancey, chm.; Gene A. Triggs Sr.; Carolyn Kee; Ervin Brown; Jim Futral, ex officio; Earl Kelly, ex officio.

Disaster relief training set

The associational and church leadership conference for disaster relief training is scheduled for Nov. 19 at the Baptist Building in Jackson. The conference starts at 8:30 a.m. Part of the program will consist of Relating During Time of Crisis (Ministry to Disaster Victims) and Ways Churches Can Respond to Disaster. For more information, contact Jim Didlake, convener and consultant in the Brotherhood Department, MBCB, 968-3800.

Giving drops low in October

Mississippi Baptists gave \$1,241,114 during October through the Cooperative Program, according to Earl Kelly, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This was the lowest income for an October since 1983 when \$1,035,284 was received through convention board offices. It was also the lowest amount given in any month during 1988.

Total Cooperative Program giving for 1988 is \$15,317,289, which is \$52,775 more than that given for the same period in 1987, or a .35 percent gain. However, the pro rata budget calls for a January-October-income total to be \$15,762,500. This means that the budget is \$445,211 behind. The 1988 Cooperative Program budget is \$18,915,000.

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5:30	The Joy of Music! Diane Blah Christopher Clossop	Sergeant Preston of the Yukon The Cisco Kid	Adventures of the Lone Ranger 28 Men	Great Churches of America (I)	Carnascioles Vegetable Soup	Great Churches of America (II)	The Bible and Life The Good News
6:30	This is The Life Westbrook Hospital	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Dever and Goshalt Color Me A Rembrandt
7:30	First Love Wendell Eatap Charged Lives	30 Wall Street Sunshine Factory	Christian Lifestyle Mapping Sunshine Factory	Word of Life Sunshine Factory	Campus Review Sunshine Factory	Insight Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory Lone Ranger Cartoon Adventures of the Lone Ranger
8:30	ACTS Methodist Hour	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Cisco Kid Pogcom Theatre
9:30	Come Alive Nelson Price	One In The Spirit Sergeant Preston of the Yukon	Catch the Spirit Adventures of the Lone Ranger	Jewish World Come Alive Nelson Price	30 Good Minutes Carnascioles	Christian Lifestyle Magazine Great Churches of America (II)	Cisco Kid Pogcom Theatre
10:30	Catch the Spirit James Fleming FBC, Richmond	The Cisco Kid Magazine '88	28 Men What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	What's Happening	Jimmy Houston Outdoor Magazine
11:30	Great Churches of America (I)	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Hollywood Review	Jimmy Houston Outdoor Magazine
12:30	The Baptist Hour 30 Wall Street	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Peggy Groom The Super Handyman
1:30	Sunday Selection						The Bible and Life The Good News
2:30		COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	Dever and Goshalt Color Me A Rembrandt
3:30	Love Worth Finding Adrian Rogers	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Psychiatry and You Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory Sergeant Preston of the Yukon
4:30	The Joy of Music! Diane Blah One In The Spirit	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie	Adventures of the Lone Ranger
5:30	First United Methodist Church, Houston This is The Life	Adventures of the Lone Ranger 28 Men	Great Churches of America (I)	Carnascioles Vegetable Soup	Great Churches of America (II)	Sergeant Preston of the Yukon The Cisco Kid	Pogcom Theatre
6:30	Insight ACTS Methodist Hour	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	What's Happening Life Today	Country Crossroads
7:30	Life Together Real T. Jones	Search	Word of Life	Campus Review	Created to Be One	James Fleming FBC, Richmond	Sing Out America
8:30	The Baptist Hour Evening Worship	The Joy of Music! Diane Blah Truth Alive Ron Herd	Catch the Spirit 30 Good Minutes	First Love Wendell Eatap First United Methodist Church, Houston	Insight to Life	30 Wall Street	The Bible and Life The Good News
9:30	Richard Jackson	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	Press Song Gospel Music Library
10:30	The Joy of Music! Diane Blah Christopher Clossop	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	The Baptist Hour	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Skippy, the Bush Kangaroo Lassie
11:30	This is The Life Sunday Selection	Adventures of the Lone Ranger	Great Churches of America (I)	This is The Life Carnascioles	Great Churches of America (II)	Lightmusic	Cisco Kid Pogcom Theatre
12:30		28 Men What's Happening	What's Happening	Vegetable Soup	What's Happening	The Cisco Kid	
1:30	Missions '88	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Hollywood Review
2:30	ACTS Methodist Hour	Search	Word of Life	Campus Review	Created to Be One	James Fleming FBC, Richmond	
3:30	Life Together Real T. Jones	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	COPE	
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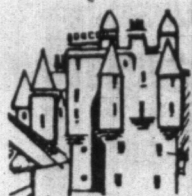
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Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



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Jim Futral, convention president

There are good things and bad things about being a preacher's kid. That's what Jim Futral said — looking back. But at the time he was one, life to him at a preacher's house seemed normal. "I was just trying to survive living with four brothers," he said.

Now he and all his brothers, except one, are ministers. The oldest, named for their father, Guy, is director of church-minister relations for Kentucky Baptists; Larry is minister of music at First, Ocean Springs; Randy is pastor at Cruger; and Tommy is manager of a grocery store in Slidell, La. Jim is pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

In his office at Broadmoor, he sat down behind a large, neat desk. Behind and above him, at least three rows of shelves near the ceiling, on two sides of the room, held hundreds of mugs. "To me, almost every one of them represents a person," he said. "J. M. Wood brought me that one from Korea. Cooper Walton brought the one from the Northern Plains Convention." A little girl, who recently in his office had decided to take Jesus as her Savior, had given him the mug from California. Futral recalled that his dad had led him, when he was nine, to the Lord.

As a preacher's kid, Futral moved about a bit. He was born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, (where his grandparents lived) during World War II. Six weeks later, he went to live in Greenwood, Mississippi, the town where his father surrendered to preach. At one time the Futral family lived in Jackson, where the father was pastor at Highland. They were living in Starkville when Jim was graduated from high school and entered Mississippi State.

He left State to join the National Guard. Then, he recalled, "the summer before I entered Clarke, I felt a deep sense of call to the ministry." At Clarke he met Shirley Moore (from Besemer, Alabama), whom he married. The two of them were graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1967, the first couple to get degrees there together. He was the one man in a class with 82 women. "The years at

Blue Mountain were one of the most formative times of my life," he recalled. He earned MDiv and DMin degrees from New Orleans Seminary. Blue Mountain has announced plans to award him an honorary doctor of divinity degree.

Now he and Shirley, a school teacher, have their own group of preacher's kids. Melodi is a student at Baylor. Rob, who has surrendered to preach, is a senior in high school. Mysti, 10, is in fifth grade.

In 1985, when he and his family moved back to Mississippi from Texas (he had been pastor of North Fort Worth Baptist Church), they selected a raised Louisiana cottage in Tavern Hills near the Barnett Reservoir.

"What differences do you find between a Texas pastorate and a Mississippi pastorate?" I asked. His definitely blue eyes mirrored the smile on his lips.

"There are needs in both places," he answered. "A minister is a minister in Texas, Mississippi, or South America. The difference comes in understanding the culture. In Mississippi, I can relate to where the people are and why they are there, because it's a culture I'm so heavily familiar with. Texas has the same problems maybe, but different people. Yet people are people — in Texas as well as in Mississippi."

Other pastorates he's served were at Verona; Antioch, Columbus; Grace Memorial, Gulfport and First, Amory.

About Broadmoor, he spoke with optimism. "I'm excited about the future," he said. "We have a full staff — except a singles minister — and they are a staff of super folks. The people are responsive. Our outreach is continually growing more extensive."

The most frustrating thing about being a preacher? "Never enough time . . . You have to decide what needs deserve most priority. Chewing the fat with someone might be good, but it's not as important as ministering to someone in crisis."

The time problem extends to the preacher's family life also. To have time with your wife and children, he said that you have to work at it. "There are always more meetings

than you can attend, more needs than you can meet. Before God gave the church, he made the family. This is one emphasis that the church and the minister need to recognize. The minister needs to make his family time a priority. Also churches should recognize that need, for it is so easy for that time to be infringed upon."

For fun time together, he said that he and Shirley are "involved in what the children are involved in. We try to support them and to show them our interest and love."

All his family members are musicians, except him. Melodi plays flute and piano. Rob plays the trumpet and sings. Shirley plays the piano and sings. "And Mysti is probably the most accomplished pianist we have. She really works at it." But Futral doesn't sing. "When I try, even when I think I'm doing all right, they all laugh at me."

Since he was elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention last year, he has traveled to every area of the state and has spoken in many types of conferences, rallies, and celebrations. "It's been a real joy to meet so many people — to see the fine quality of people who make up Mississippi Baptist life."

Qualities he thinks are most needed by the convention president are "an openness toward all facets of the denomination — the rural church, the city church, the denominational worker . . . ; a fairness in dealing with people who have varying views; and understanding of Baptist life, and some sense of understanding of its history, and a vision for its future."

"The president of the convention," he emphasized, "is not elected to rule so much as to serve."

As Thanksgiving time again nears, the three things for which he is most thankful, he said, are his family, his church, and the honor of serving Mississippi Baptists.



Jim Futral holds a railroad spike he received from the church at Amory, railroad town where he once was pastor. On the shelves are a few of the hundreds of mugs he has collected.

Convention will take place at 'construction' site

The 1988 meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 14-16 will take place at a construction site — that of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Business manager Ken Lundquist of First Church said that convention-goers will be utilizing two rooms on the church property — the temporary worship center at the corner of State and Mississippi Streets, and the original fellowship hall with entrance on Mississippi Street.

Lundquist warned that participants must stay away from the construction area and that signs will be clearly marked.

The worship center is that used by the church congregation during construction of its new sanctuary. Convention-related displays and the Baptist book store will be in the fellowship hall as they have been in the past.

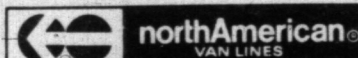
Lundquist said the church staff has

worked with convention board staff to provide signs for traffic flow. There is a construction passageway on the ground floor connecting the worship center and the fellowship hall. And those using child care facilities on the second floor (above the fellowship hall) are requested to enter from Mississippi Street only.

The convention office and registration table will be located on the second floor of the new building with access via stairs and elevators at the rear of the temporary worship center.

Shuttle vans will be available at all sessions to take people from the fairgrounds to the church and back again. Messengers should park behind the super slide at the fairground entrance on Jefferson Street.

Said Lundquist, "This year things will be a little different. Hopefully, next year we will be in the big room."



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"God's Promise" was the theme of the GA/RA Recognition Service held at Ecru Church, Sept. 25. Trish Simmons, state GA consultant, presented the GAs with their badges. Receiving badges were Amy Walls, Krista Bates, Chasity Baker, Cindy Washington, Angela Gann, Lisa Wells, Amy Hamilton, Sherry Nance, Kelly Swords, Heather McGee, Heather Simmons, Stephanie Bigham, Kerri Brown, Darla Brown, and Barbara Wise. GA leaders are Helen Horton, Janice Bigham, and Pam Simmons.

RAs receiving awards were Scott McGee, Jason Horton, Dustin Gillespie, Brett Brown, Jodie Bates, Nathan Baker, Brooks Hamilton, Jason Davis, Shawn Bigham, Stacy Simmons, and John Willis. RA leaders are Larry Bigham, Rusty Miller, and Jerry Horton.



At the GA recognition service at Carterville Church, Petal, 32 girls received Missions Adventures badges. These girls are shown with their leaders. Leland M. Hogan is pastor.

Girls who got badges were Amber Oberst, Nita Rainey, Heather Herring, Emileigh McCardle, Katie Cole, Shellie Gandy, Courtney Curry, Christy Cedotal, Lindsay Curry, Julie Lowery, Regan Pierce, Krissy King, Cari Oberst, Kristi Aultman, Susan Phillips, Andrea Herrin, Carey-Leigh Hullum, Polly Gandy, Julie Adams, Leigh Ellen Brock, Noel Young, Trish King, Bridgette Grammer, Whitney Jordan, Crystal Winfield, Jill Cooley, Nadleyn Patterson, Kelly Levi, Dawn Phillips, Angela Winfield, Jennifer Lee, and Christi Alford.

GA leaders are Linda Evans, director, Felicia McCardle, Sherlaine Ezell, Angie Peacock, Grace Adams, Nancy Graham, Debbie Cedotal, and Sharon Parker.

The Acteens of First Church, Brooklyn are holding a Christian concert, Nov. 19. The group singing is NEWMAN out of Alabama. No admission will be charged. The concert will be at the Forrest County Agricultural High School Auditorium in Brooklyn at 7 p.m.

A mini-camp meeting will be held at Olivet Church, 1201 Klein Road, Gulfport, on Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Jimmy Robertson, director of Milldale Bible Conference and editor of "Fires of Revival," will be the speaker. Ray Henry is the pastor.

World Missions Day is set for Nov. 13 at First Baptist, Kosciusko. The missionaries who will be speakers for the day are Don and Anne Dent, presently on furlough from Singapore, and Ralph and Cora Joyce Davis, emeritus missionaries from Ghana. Both couples are natives of Mississippi.

Jim Thompson, journeyman to United Kingdom, has arrived on the field to begin his two-year term of service as a community center coordinator/youth worker (address: Rowanlea, Woodbine Place, Blackwood, Gwent, Wales).

Mississippi Baptist activities

- Nov. 14 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting; Baptist Building; 10 a.m.
- Nov. 14-16 Mississippi Baptist State Convention; FBC, Jackson.
- Nov. 16 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting; Baptist Building; Immediately following convention
- Nov. 18-19 Acteens Queens Court; Camp Garaywa; 5:30 p.m., 18th-2 p.m., 19th (WMU)

First Church, Vicksburg, will present Greg Buchanan, harpist, in a sacred concert, Nov. 17, 7-9 p.m. He has played the harp since age nine. He spent four years with the United States Navy Band in Washington, D.C.

Hermanville Church, near Port Gibson in Union Association, has quadrupled its Sunday School attendance since July 5, 1988. When Donald Pouns came as pastor on July 5, there were nine present in Sunday School. On Oct. 30, there were 36 present for Sunday School, which equals their enrollment.

Mississippi College alumni set breakfast

CLINTON — The Mississippi College National Alumni Association will sponsor a continental breakfast for alumni and friends attending the Mississippi Baptist Convention scheduled at First Church, Jackson, Nov. 14-16.

The breakfast is set for Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 7:30-9 a.m., in the Study Center East of the church. There will be a short informal program, including the election of new officers for the Christian Service Alumni Chapter.

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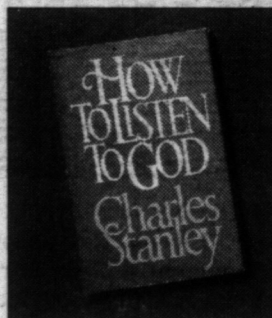
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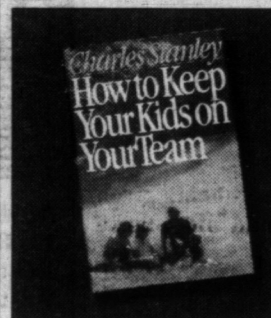
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Charles Stanley is a senior pastor of the 11,000-member First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and is a popular broadcast teacher on "In Touch," a national TV and radio program. Stanley received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Richmond, bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary, and master's and doctor's degree of theology from Luther Rice Seminary. Twice elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he is also the author of *The Walk of Faith*, *Reaching Your Goals*, *Handle With Prayer*, *A Man's Touch*, and *Stand Up America!*



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Keep Clarke open

Editor:
Below is a matter that was presented to the association during its morning session on Oct. 21.

"Mrs. Evelyn Seale made a motion that the Mississippi Baptist Association go on record that every effort be made to keep Clarke College open, requesting all possible avenues to do this be explored and presented to the proper agencies in the November meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. All budgets must have priorities, and the Christian education of our young people should be one of our urgent priorities as an investment in our Baptist future. If the 1989 Mississippi Baptist Convention Board budget needs to be redrafted to accommodate a line item to be recommended by Dr. Nobles and the Mississippi College Board of Trustees who feel that Clarke be increased from \$55,095 to \$200,000 and an additional 37½ percent of that figure be included to satisfy the Cooperative Program requirement, then so be it.

"The moderator asked if there was anyone present that would object if we took care of this motion. Rev. Stan Nowell said he was saved at Clarke College and that he was going to the foreign mission field because of Clarke College and that it should stay open. Dr. O. B. Beverly, a graduate of Clarke College, seconded said motion; and motion carried without opposition."

David Luce, moderator
Mississippi Baptist Association

Planning for Rio

Editor:
From Sept. 23 to Oct. 2, 13 members of Parkway Baptist Church and one member of Highland Baptist Church, both of Jackson, served on a mission construction project in the community of Barao de Taquara, one of the many suburbs of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We are thrilled to report that our mission endeavor was a complete success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our State Brotherhood Department, especially Jim Didlake, Rita Langston, and Teresa Manning, for the efficient, professional and always personal service they gave while assisting us in preparing for our trip. They did all of the legwork in acquiring our visas and tickets for our flights and gave us much helpful advice along the way.

A significant part of the success of our mission trip can be attributed to the careful plans made on our behalf by these individuals. I speak for our entire team when I offer a special word of thanks.

Ken Anderson
Associate Pastor
Parkway Church
Jackson

A Clarke solution?

Editor:
Last Spring I wrote you about the feasibility of an idea I had about the fate of Clarke College. I appreciated your input and the responses I received

from Dr. Kelly, Bill Stewart, and Ron Kirkland. After hearing their explanations as to why my idea would not work, I dropped the idea altogether. Since then a few others have developed that might merit some attention. I would appreciate it if you would print the following as per your "Letters to the Editor" policy:

The fate of Clarke College will be decided at the upcoming Convention in November. I would like to suggest three possibilities that we may wish to consider on the Clarke issue:

1) Allow Clarke to become independent of Mississippi College and be restored to the original funding formula. Return the funds taken away from Clarke during the past eight years so that it can be financially solvent and credible. If funding remains at the \$55,095 amount, accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be eliminated. The convention took away the funds — the convention should restore the funds.

2) Allow Clarke to become a branch of Mississippi College instead of a division. This would allow Clarke to become an integral part of Mississippi College and give MC the authority that it evidently has not had to take care of the Clarke finances.

3) Allow the Convention to create one major Baptist University for the state with branches at Blue Mountain, Clinton, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, and Newton. We say we have a common goal to provide the best Christian education possible for our people — Why not prove it by pooling our resources and doing BOLD MISSION THRUST in our education endeavors? Perhaps the single university could be operated from the Convention Board offices and a new education division could be established to administer the colleges from this central location.

Benny Still
Minister of music & youth and
Fort Adams Mission Pastor
Woodville Baptist Church
Woodville, MS 39669

It is well that thought is being given to a solution that would aid Clarke

Revival dates

Trinity, Biloxi: Nov. 11-13; services, Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Donnie Guy, evangelist; James Bell, music; old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner, Sunday; C. H. Stone, pastor.

First, Rose Hill: Nov. 13-16; Philip Gandy, Tony Bagley, and C. C. Burns, speakers; special music each service; 7 p.m. nightly.

First, Tutwiler, Nov. 13-16; 80th anniversary; James Duke, former pastor, evangelist; Philip Willis, music; Sunday, dinner on grounds following worship, and evening worship, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; birthday party after Wed. service; Aubry Martin, pastor.

College and help it to survive. It must be remembered, however, that it was the Clarke trustee body that asked for help in the beginning, so to return to the previous arrangement would be futile. Also, point No. 2 is in essence what it was felt would happen. Mississippi College chose the route that was taken. Point No. 3, however, provides some new thoughts. — Editor

A likely pastor?

Editor:
I agree with the gentlemen who wrote to a newspaper columnist stating the following:

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The committee-member keenly eyed them and said, "He was the Apostle Paul."

Mrs. Dorothy C. Pridgen
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Commend as watchman

Editor:
No matter how unpalatable the members of the Christian Life Commission may find the remarks made by Dr. Curtis Caine Sr., they may rest assured that what he said was accurate.

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Jeremiah preached to people hiding behind religion

By Robert Earl Shirley
Jeremiah 7

The sermon that God commanded Jeremiah to preach in the gates of the temple is one that compels each of us to look at our own relationship to God and evaluate the sincerity of our faith. These were religious people who obviously were faithful in worship and were familiar with the Scriptures. Unfortunately their day by day living was inconsistent with their Sabbath observances. They were described by the prophet as "a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth."



Shirley

Despite that fact, they were still looking to God to keep them from danger and preserve them as a nation. The "lying words" of verse 4 were probably those spoken by the false prophets of the day who proclaimed false security because of the presence of the temple in Jerusalem. They felt that God would never allow it to be overthrown so the city and its inhabitants would never need fear being destroyed as long as it was there.

Even today people are lulled into false security both physically and spiritually by believing only what they want to believe and by hearing only what they want to hear rather than by accepting what God's Word says. I am reminded here of a very hateful lady that I knew years ago who was convinced that no harm could ever come to her home because she kept a copy of the Bible lying on the coffee table at all times.

The charge was made against the people in Jeremiah's day that they were breaking their covenant relationship with God by disregarding his commandments and then coming to the temple to make ritual sacrifices expecting God to honor his part of the covenant. The present day Christian should not assume that by attending the Sunday worship services of his church and by dropping an offering in the collection plate he has found favor in God's sight. Formal worship is important and should be stressed in the life of the Christian. However, Jeremiah would remind us that it is acceptable to God only when it is preceded by a dedicated heart. His people were told to change their ways. They were to establish a new and righteous relationship with both God and men. By seeking security in the temple while living a life unacceptable to God, they had been making God's house a sanctuary for thieves and robbers.

As an illustration of the danger in engaging in such practices and in having such an attitude, they were told to go to the city of Shiloh and see what had taken place there. Shiloh was a town in Ephraim with a central position in the land. Perhaps it was for that reason that Joshua had chosen it as the resting place for the ark and the tabernacle. Unfortunately, when the city fell into idolatry in the days of Eli, the people were captured and the ark taken from them by the Philistines. The days that followed saw them suffer severe cruelties on the part of their captors, and the city became insignificant. At the time when Jeremiah spoke, it is quite likely that the place of God at Shiloh and the city itself lay in ruins.

In contrast to the high sounding rhetoric of the false prophets, Jeremiah brought them back down to earthly reality by pointing out their present sins. They were guilty of listening to other voices in preference to that of the Lord. They had violated God's commandments in their treatment and lack of defense of their fellow man and in their allowing their worldly affections and loyalties to come before their relationship to Jehovah. They had multiplied that guilt by continuing to worship in the temple without any apparent awareness of their guilt, contrition, shame, or repentance.

Along with these warnings, the prophet placed the indispensable conditions of continuing security. These required the amending of their ways, a proper relationship with all people, and a sincere dedication to God. Then and only then would they be able to claim the protection and blessings that God had promised.

Shirley is pastor emeritus, Parkway, Tupelo.

Sharing the gospel demands integrity

By Steve Odom

II Corinthians 4:2; I Thessalonians 2:3-12

"Integrity" is an interesting word. It is a word that has exploded onto the scene of American life in the last decade and a half. In the national arena people are still wondering about the Vietnam War and just how much integrity was involved in such an assault on human life. And then there was the Watergate scandal. Since that political debacle, the question of personal and party integrity is being asked with regularity, a question that can stand to echo through individual and party minds from now until.



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Incidentally, did you know that the Watergate cover-up had such an impact on American society that the word "Watergate" has been included in the latest edition of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary? In the religious arena, people are beginning to weary of self-proclaimed spiritual leaders who thought they could hide their crumbling clay feet. Religious empires have toppled and religious reputations have withered in the demand for integrity, and

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ly difficult to discern are as plain as one's actions. Paul the Apostle revealed an awareness of such motives and actions in his second letter to the Corinthians.

The methods of some "false apostles" (II Corinthians 11:13) in sharing the gospel had become questionable with regard to their integrity. Paul had to say plainly to the Corinthians that there were some practices in which he and his fellow ministers would not engage for the sake of a gospel of integrity (II Corinthians 4:2). Paul renounced methods that would bring shame to the gospel, and methods that grew out of secrecy.

The word translated "underhanded" in the Revised Standard Version literally means secretive, and "cunning" means deceit. The picture here is of someone sneaking about behind closed doors formulating deceitful plans that twist the truth. As people of integrity, Christians must always be unashamedly open in planning and implementing the work of Christ. Anything short of that lacks integrity.

In Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians he had to defend his methods of sharing the gospel against claims of heresy, immorality, trickery, and greed (I Thessalonians 2:3-6). In defense

of his sharing of the gospel, Paul described the true character of his evangelism. In verse four he stated that his motivation was to please God, not human beings. Sometimes when people do not particularly like what we are saying, they are prone to accuse us falsely in attempts to discredit us. And sadly enough, often they are believed without any investigation into their charges. That kind of accusation and belief lacks integrity.

Paul told the truth about how we shared the whole gospel with the whole person. He used the analogy of a gentle, affectionate nurse taking care of children (verses 7-8). He also used the image of a father encouraging his children (verses 11-12). Paul's picture is one of nurture and warmth, anything but what his accusers leveled against him. And he required nothing in return for his investment in their lives. He worked "night and day" so they would not have to support him (verse 9).

Paul's example of sharing the gospel is one of openness, truth, nurture, warmth, and encouragement. It is an example of sharing the gospel with integrity.

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Support for Moses' leadership: men chosen to help

By Frank H. Thomas Jr.
Exodus 17:8-18:27

The passage under consideration for this week gives us a glimpse of the leadership which Moses provided for God's people. The example of Moses is one which we can follow well today. Moses was strong and was a strong leader, but his leadership depended for its success not only upon him but upon the support which was given to him by others. The most important support of strength was the Lord himself. A spiritual leader who neglects the source of his spiritual strength is doomed from the beginning. Moses depended upon the Lord. Then Moses was dependent upon other individuals within the Israelite camp and even upon his own father-in-law.



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Verses 8-16 in chapter 17 discuss a battle with the tribe of Amalek, an ancient enemy of Israel, at Rephidim. The name of Joshua appears for the first time in this passage. Joshua emerged as an important source of support for Moses during this wilderness period. The task of Joshua was to choose men to go out to fight with the Amalekites. As for Moses himself, he was to go up on the top of the hill with the rod of God in his hand.

The high point on the top of the hill was a point from which Moses could see the whole battle. It has often been said that those who are in control of the heights are those who prevail in the battle. The significance of the rod of God

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was similar to that already depicted in the parting of the waters of the Red Sea and in the plagues in Egypt. The rod of God obviously was a symbol of God's power. To hold the rod was to have an object which reminded the people that God was powerful and that he had promised to aid his people. For Moses to stand on the hill with the rod was to symbolize God's leadership and working through Moses to achieve the covenant which he had promised with his people.

The scripture tells us that both Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill with Moses. The reason for their going up is explained in verse 11 and following. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. Whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. The point is that as long as Moses was able to hold up his hand with the rod of God, Israel prevailed. Moses' arms grew weary so that he needed help in keeping his hands raised. It was the task of Aaron and Hur to place a stone under him so that he could sit. They also held up his hands — one on one side and the other on the other side — so that his hands remained steady and his leadership was consistent for Israel during the battle. Because of the aid of these ones sent by the Lord, Moses' hand was raised and his leadership was consistent. The Lord's people prevailed, and the Amalekites were defeated. The Lord ordered Moses to write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua. Moses also built an altar and worshiped the Lord in that place.

In the first part of chapter 18, Jethro, father-in-law of Moses, brought the family of Moses back to him. They had come out from Egypt ahead of the people. Now Jethro brought Moses' family back to him. This was a support and a help for Moses, who undoubtedly had missed his family and who would now be stronger and feel more supported with them present. When Jethro and Moses' family arrived, Moses told Jethro of the deliverance of Israel at the hand of the Lord. Jethro then led a celebration of the victory at that place. He rejoiced for all that the Lord had done to Israel in delivering them from the hands of the Egyptians. Jethro praised the Lord and offered a burnt offering and sacrifices to God.

The next day Moses sat to judge the people. As Jethro looked on, he saw long lines of people waiting to bring their concerns to Moses. The longer he observed this taking place, the more he became convinced that Moses had a serious problem which needed a solution. He could not do all of the judging alone. He needed assistance. The matters which were judged by Moses were varied. Some were large matters and others were small. Some were conflicts, and others were simply matters which called for good advice. The people were encouraged to enquire of the Lord, to seek his counsel before they embarked on these matters. Moses was seeking to counsel them all, and Jethro, his father-in-law, saw that a better way was needed.

He found that better way and proposed the better way in the following manner: Moses should choose out from among the group men who were capable of assisting him in this matter of judging. The characteristics of those to be chosen were first that they be able men, usually men of physical strength. The men also were to be those who feared God, that is, they held him in reverence, awe, wonder, dedication, and commitment. The men chosen were to be trustworthy. They needed to be dependable if their judgment were to be taken seriously. Finally, these men were to be those who would absolutely repudiate the bribe. Dishonest judges were not needed in the wilderness as Moses sought to work with his people.

The counsel of Jethro was that these men chosen were to hear the various kinds of matters brought to Moses. In their own ability and training, they were to decide those cases which could be decided without necessarily bringing them to Moses. Only the most difficult ones or only those which needed the expert counsel of Moses should be brought to him. With this differentiation of responsibility, the people would be served better, and Moses' abilities, time, and strength would not be taxed to the limit. The result would be that Moses would function better as a leader and the people would be better satisfied. This can be said to be an early example of shared ministry. Moses continued to be a significant leader — in fact, the significant leader — in Israel. His success, however, depended to a great deal upon those who supported him and shared his ministry with him. That is still true of spiritual leaders today.

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"My family is driving me crazy"

QUESTION:

My family is driving me crazy. They seem to think that I don't have a brain in my head. They tell me what to do all the time, especially my sister. She was really wild while she was in high school, got into drugs, ran away from home, even had a baby that had to be put up for adoption. Now she's straightened up and has come back home. My parents are paranoid that I will do the same things, and she acts like she's Mrs. God, telling me what I should and shouldn't do. How can I get them off my back?

ANSWER:

It's a frustrating but common fact that people who have achieved some significant change in their lives often become overbearing in their efforts to improve others. There's something rather irritating about a person trying to go too quickly from trouble-maker to instant expert and reformer.

But the fact remains that such persons speak out of depth of experience which comes from having made all the wrong choices and learned first-hand of the conse-

quences of such choices. Try to give your parents and sister the benefit of the doubt in their concern. You know that their actions are an expression of their love for you and their desire to help you avoid the same mistakes. Your main task is to help them see that you have the inner strength and wisdom to deal with these choices and pressures on your own. You do not demonstrate maturity by becoming rebellious, angry, and resentful. Instead, you build up their confidence in you by making wise choices of friends and activities, by being dependable and trustworthy. Help them know your friends by talking about them and having them in your home. Discuss your activities with them — head off questions by volunteering information which will help them relax and feel comfortable about your choices. Verbalize your ideas and feelings so that they can see that you have a firm standard of values.

Finally, discuss openly your feelings about their attempts to help you. Let them see that this is making it more difficult for you to be a mature and responsible person. Ask them for a contract which calls for them to be more trusting and less vocal in their relations with you, based on your own continued reliable behavior and cooperative attitude. Keep a sense of humor and a sense of perspective, knowing the difficult stage will pass and your relationship with them will be strengthened as you keep the lines of communication and caring open between you.

Devotional

Rejection — a bitter tragedy!

By Frank Gunn
Luke 13:34 and 19:41

It was the early part of January of this year when Sandra and I arrived in Jerusalem. In fact, it was almost sunset as our tour leaders stopped our buses and allowed us to spend some time there on the Mount of Olives looking across at the great panorama of Jerusalem. It was my first view of this city that holds so much historical significance to the Christian faith.



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We were given the privilege of just sitting for quite some time to meditate. For me, it was a unique worship experience. I am sure the period of worship was enhanced by the beauty of the city silhouetted against the setting sun.

I don't know about the others, but my mind traveled through the scriptures as I sat there. For example, in Luke 13 there is the experience of our Lord looking over the city and stating how he would have gathered the people together, as a hen would have gathered her brood to protect them from danger. Such a tender, compassionate expression! Yet, it was Jerusalem's choice to accept or reject his offer of God's mercy.

I also recalled a later visit to Jerusalem that is recorded in Luke 19. Our Lord was descending from the Mount of Olives. This path allowed him to look across the Kidron Valley at the magnificent view of the entire city. He stopped as he descended, and wept. This expression of grief was shared because he knew of the impending destruction to come as a result of their rejection of him in favor of a revolutionary type deliverer.

I well remember how tears came to my eyes that evening in Jerusalem as I recognized the response remains the same after all of these years. This same Jesus, who offered such love, tenderness, and compassion, is still doing that today. The bitter tragedy is that we are still rejecting!

Gunn is pastor, First, Biloxi.

"Wherever he leads..."

By Juanita West

In 1908 when Clarke College, Newton, first opened its doors, a popular slogan in the country was "Go West, young man; go West." Now 80 years later, David Ferguson has reversed the slogan by coming East to make Clarke College his new home.

David, the son of David and Sharon Ferguson, made his way to Mississippi from the small town of Victor, Montana, where he and his parents have lived for 11 years. Before moving into this mountainous ranch and farm land, the Fergusons had lived eight years in Alaska. In 1987 David graduated, along with a class of 22, from the Victor High School where the total of grades 9-12 was about 90 students. During the next year, he moved to Arizona to stay with relatives and to go to work.

In his ninth grade of school, David had made a profession of faith and had joined Victor Calvary Baptist Church where Robert Harville, who now lives in Vardaman, was the pastor. David became very active in his home church and for some time felt that the Lord was dealing with his life for some specific work. On May 8, 1988, David realized God's call into the ministry and began to experience the working of the Lord in a most unusual way.

Now that he knew what God intended for him to do with his life, David set out to find a college in which to begin the educational phase of his preparation for the ministry. Doors were opened to provide financial assistance for college — but where?

Harville had heard about Clarke College and had sent David some information, encouraging him to consider Clarke. However, David put that information aside, looking for a college in Arizona. Then in June of this year, Elmer and Bobby Hillman of



Pictured are J. B. Costilow, Clarke BSU director, and David Ferguson, freshman ministerial student, looking over ministerial aid information.

Richton, invited David to visit with them. The Hillmans had previously spent a month in Montana and attended the Victor Calvary Church where they became friends with the Fergusons. So, David came to Mississippi, planning to investigate some senior colleges. However, none of them seemed to be for him.

Elmer Hillman had also heard about Clarke College and encouraged David to investigate the school. On that visit in June, David felt the strong leadership to come to Clarke. However, David returned to Arizona and continued to pursue his quest of an open door to a college in Arizona. None worked out; the Lord definitely intended for him to come to Clarke. David began his preparations to close out his work responsibilities, went home to Montana to prepare for school, and after two-and-a-half days of travel, arrived at Clarke on the 24th of August, just two months after his initial visit.

David stated that he doesn't know why God led him to Clarke. He is just seeking the Lord through all of this and waiting for God's revelation as to the purpose and reason for his being here. Perhaps after his educational preparation is finished, David will follow the slogan: "Go West, young man; go West!" But regardless of his place of service, David's spirit and at-

titude are very evident. As David stated, "I'm not looking to go into the ministry for my gain, but strictly to glorify God." What better reason to be a part of Clarke College?

Homecomings

Horseshoe (Tchula): Nov. 13, morning worship service, 11; Joe Hill, former pastor, speaker; Mrs. Joe Wade will be honored for her many years of service; lunch served in fellowship hall; singing will follow with the So-Journers.

Athens (Monroe): Nov. 20; regular morning services, noon meal, activities in afternoon; homecoming dedicated to a member who passed away, Mrs. Fannie Mae Taylor; Julian Thompson, pastor; church choir will present mini-concert in afternoon.

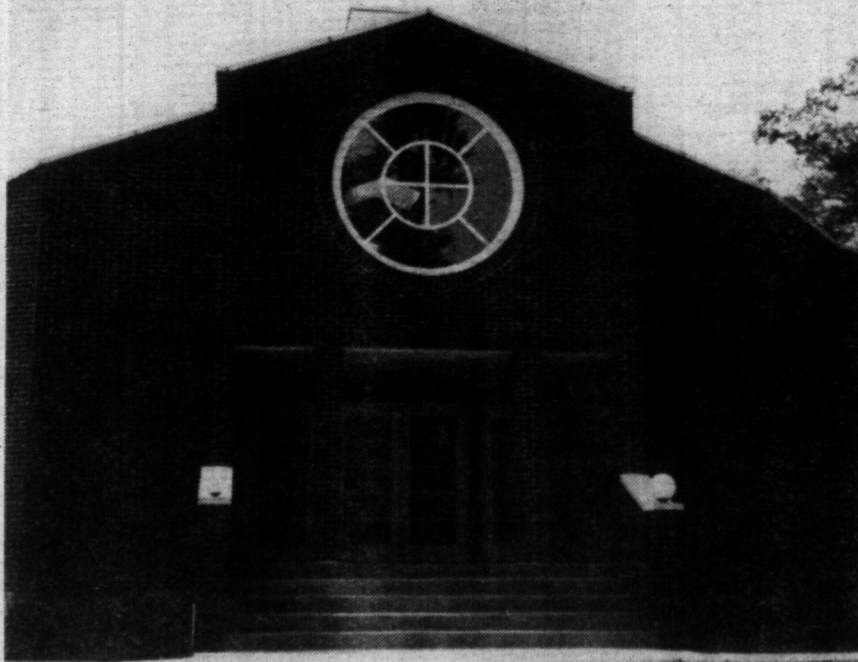
Staff changes

James R. "Jim" Hill is now serving Glade Church, Laurel, as associate pastor in charge of music and youth. He started serving on Oct. 2.

Parkhill Church, Jackson, has called Barry Swartz as pastor. Swartz moved from New Ireland Church in Union. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

Jay Ingram, a native of Jackson, has been called as minister of youth at Locust Street Church in McComb. He is a graduate of Hinds Junior College and Mississippi College.

Ingram is currently enrolled in the MRE program at New Orleans Seminary with an emphasis in youth ministry. David R. Mitchell, Jr. is pastor.



First, Terry dedicates building



First Church, Terry, held dedication services Sept. 25 for a new building, above. J. W. Brister, director, Hinds-Madison Association, brought the message. A fellowship meal was served in the Family Life Center. Pictured at left are Jim Tyson, architect, and Gowan Ellis, pastor.

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